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8 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
9 COUNTY OF KING

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11 ATM SHAFIQUL KHALID, an individual,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC., a
15 Delaware corporation with
16 branch office in Washington,

No. 15-2-24309-8 SEA

17 Defendant(s).

18 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

19 COMES NOW the plaintiff, ATM Shafiqul Khalid, and for cause of action against
20 Citrix Systems Inc., ("Citrix" or "Defendant"), states and alleges as follows:

21 I. JURISDICTION

22 1.1 The plaintiff, ATM Shafiqul Khalid (hereinafter referred to as
23 "Plaintiff" and by his last name "Khalid"), is a citizen of King County, Washington.
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1.2 The defendant, Citrix Systems, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Citrix" or "Defendant"), is a Delaware corporation doing business in Washington. Citrix has its branch office to conduct business in King County, Washington, where Plaintiff worked for five (5) years.

1.3 This court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and personal jurisdiction over the Defendant pursuant to RCW 4.28.185(1)(a)-(c) and because the Employee Agreement was entered into in Washington state.

1.4 Venue is proper pursuant to RCW 4.12.020, RCW 4.12.025 as most of the events giving rise to the complaint occurred in King County, Washington.

1.5 All the claims rise from a) dispute over written contract with a six (6) year of statutory limitation pursuant to RCW 4.16.040(1), b) violation of Washington Consumer Protection ACT that has a four (4) year statutory limitation pursuant to RCW 19.86.120, and c) property damage that has a three (3) year statutory limitation pursuant to RCW 4.16.080(2).

II. FACTS

A. Background

2.1 Citrix Systems, Inc., Citrix, is an American multinational software company founded in 1989 as a Delaware Corporation. Citrix provides software and networking solutions for enterprise customers. Citrix has headquarter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and has a branch office in Redmond, Washington. In 2014, Citrix had \$3.1 billion in revenue and approximately 10,000 employees.

1 **2.2** Plaintiff is a very creative engineer and serial inventor. Plaintiff had been
2 named inventor on seventeen (17) patents issued by United States Patent and Trademark
3 Office ("USPTO") and European patent office. Plaintiff always had his own creative
4 projects in various areas to exercise his intellectual creativity. Plaintiff is an expert in the
5 area of computer software, operating systems, cloud and virtualization with 20+ years of
6 experience.

7 **2.3** Prior to being employed by Citrix, Plaintiff wrote critical software
8 components that had been deployed in over one billion systems, and Plaintiff gained
9 significant expertise in software virtualization, hypervisor systems, software and digital
10 content subscription and software security. Plaintiff had published fourteen (14) research
11 papers in journals and conference proceedings.

12 **2.4** Plaintiff worked for Citrix from September 18, 2006 until October 3,
13 2011 at Citrix regional office in Redmond, Washington. Plaintiff had been a Washington
14 resident since 1998.

15 **2.5** On August 14, 2006, Citrix made a job offer to Plaintiff to work in their
16 Redmond, Washington, office as Sr. Software Developer with a compensation package
17 of \$155K/Year. The offer was contingent on signing a Citrix System Confidentiality and
18 Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement ("Employee Agreement").

19 **2.6** Citrix Employee Agreement contained a section titled "Disclosure and
20 Assignment of Patent" which stated:

21 "If at any time during the term of my employment by Citrix, I (either alone or with
22 others) make, conceive, discover or reduce to practice any invention,
23 modification, discovery, design, development, improvement, process, software
24 program, work of authorship, documentation, formula, data, technique, know-

1 how, secret, or intellectual property right whatsoever or any interest therein
2 (whether or not patentable or registrable under copyright or similar statutes or
3 subject to analogous protection) (hereinafter called "Developments") that (i) relate
4 to the business of Citrix or any of the products or service being developed
5 manufactured or sold by Citrix, or which may be used in relation therewith; (ii)
6 result, directly or indirectly, from tasks, duties and/or responsibilities assigned to
7 me by Citrix; or (iii) result, directly or indirectly, from the use of premises or
8 personal property (whether tangible or intangible) owned, leased or contracted for
9 by Citrix, such Development and the benefits thereof shall be considered work
10 made for hire and shall immediately become the sole and absolute property of
11 Citrix and its assigns. ..."

12 **2.7 Employee Agreement did not include notice under RCW 49.44.140(3).**

13 Only after termination from Citrix in 2011, Plaintiff became aware of the existence of
14 employees' right to their invention provided by RCW 49.44.140 as a matter of public
15 policy.

16 **2.8 Disclosure and Assignment of Patent section in Employee Agreement**
17 assigned to Citrix any employee invention that "(i) relate to the business of Citrix"; that
18 definition covers any employee invention that either "relate (directly) to the business of
19 Citrix" or "relate (indirectly) to the business of Citrix".

20 **2.9 Disclosure and Assignment of Patent section in Employee Agreement** did
21 not use the word "directly" in phrase (i) "relate to the business" as required by RCW
22 49.44.140(1). By Citrix omission of the word "directly", the section became overbroad
23 and violated public policy of this state under RCW 49.44.140(1).

24 **2.10 Disclosure and Assignment of Patent section in Employee Agreement**
25 assigned to Citrix any employee invention which might be used in relation with any
26 product sold by Citrix. The section did not define what constitutes "used in relation" and

1 made the section overbroad and violated public policy of this state under RCW
2 49.44.140(1).

3 2.11 On Sept. 11, 2006, after some negotiation, Plaintiff sent a modified
4 Employee Agreement to Citrix for review. Plaintiff's modifications to the Employee
5 Agreement listed several patentable items in "Exhibit B Schedule of separate work"
6 ("Exhibit-B") under the Employee Agreement with additional text in Section 5 of the
7 Employee Agreement that's purpose was to allow Plaintiff to continue/finish his patent
8 work. "Exhibit-B" included 18 items to be excluded from Employment Agreement that
9 included items "7. Safe and secure program execution framework", "8. A home
10 communication GateWay to combine different consumer needs like cell phone movie
11 rental, internet services", and "9. A method and system to support subscription based
12 software service".
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14 2.12 Items 7 and 9 in Plaintiff's Exhibit-B to the modified Employee
15 Agreement were repeated in items 16 and 17 under separate subsection that stated those
16 two items had been part of patent application, meaning a lot of documentation of those
17 items had been disclosed for patenting process.
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19 2.13 On Sept. 11, 2006, Plaintiff also emailed Citrix hiring manager:
20 "Attached document contains filled up 'Exhibit B' section and additional one
21 sentence in section 5. I[Plaintiff] want to make sure if anything goes wrong
22 I[Plaintiff] can go back to Microsoft or Microsoft related areas where I've
23 developed my expertise in the last 10 years. Also few of my[Plaintiff's] work has
24 been part of patent and patenting are long process; modification, continuation
over time, re-filing is pretty normal."

25 "Non-Competition" section of the Employee Agreement Plaintiff proposed had the
26 following addition:

1 “This covenant not to compete is not applicable for working for Microsoft corp.
2 or any company that develops the similar product Microsoft has developed or
3 continuation work of the items listed in Exhibit B”

4 2.14 During the offer negotiation in the week of Sept. 11, 2011, Plaintiff had
5 specific discussion with Citrix hiring manager around disclosure of his patent work with
6 regard to Citrix Employee Agreement. Plaintiff asked the hiring manager on the phone,
7 “I’ve added just the title of patents that are self-descriptive of what it does, do I need to
8 add more?” The hiring manager replied that if Citrix needs more information, Citrix
9 will contact me [Plaintiff].
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11 2.15 On September 18, 2006, Plaintiff signed Citrix Employee Agreement at
12 Citrix office in Redmond, Washington, without any objection from Citrix. Citrix Chief
13 Financial Officer, David J. Henshall, signed the agreement on behalf of Citrix. Signed
14 Employee Agreement included all changes discussed during offer negotiation.
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16 2.16 After Termination of Khalid Employment on Oct. 3, 2011, Citrix claimed
17 benefit of items listed on Exhibit-B in the form of continuation and improvement work
18 along with Plaintiff’s start-up work.
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20 B. **Xencare Software and 8,286,219 Patent**

21 2.17 In 2005, Plaintiff, while working with his friends and partner, made an
22 invention to protect computer system from virus and spyware. Plaintiff filed a patent
23 application in 2005 titled “SAFE AND SECURE PROGRAM EXECUTION
24 FRAMEWORK”. The application expired in 2006. Plaintiff added the title of the
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1 application in Exhibit-B of Employee Agreement in two different sections clearly
2 identifying that the item had been subject of patent application.

3 **2.18** On Feb. 17, 2008, Plaintiff purchased an internet domain xencare.com
4 and formally launched “Xencare Software” (“Xencare”) and got a license from
5 Washington state on July 17, 2008. A few of Plaintiff’s friends and family members
6 invested in Xencare Software. Plaintiff was employed as the Chief Technology Officer
7 (CTO) of Xencare Software. Plaintiff launched Xencare Softlock beta products in April
8 of 2008 and released a final product on Sept. 2, 2008 with a press release listing Plaintiff
9 as CTO of “Xencare Software”.

10 **2.19** On February 16, 2008, after months of efforts to commercialize the
11 subject matter of the expired patent application on security, after some validation and
12 improvement with “single system framework”, Plaintiff startup team refiled the 2005
13 patent application titled “SAFE AND SECURE PROGRAM EXECUTION
14 FRAMEWORK” with application number 12/032,663. The application included
15 improvement.

16 **2.20** On October 9, 2012 US patent office issued Patent 8,286,219 (“the ‘219”
17 Patent”) for the application number 12/032,663.

18 **2.21** Citrix doesn’t practice the ‘219’ patent and the patent is not directly
19 related to any Citrix business or products. Citrix claimed ownership of the ‘219’ patent
20 by claiming patent application 12/032,663 after terminating Plaintiff in 2011 without
21 offering any consideration to cover Plaintiff startup R&D expense.
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1 **2.22** On March 3rd, 2008, to cover additional work, Plaintiff filed two
2 additional patent application Ser. No. 61/033,018 titled "SAFE AND SECURE
3 PROGRAM EXECUTION FRAMEWORK WITH GUEST APPLICATION SPACE"
4 and patent application Ser. No. 61/033,017 titled "SAFE AND SECURE PROGRAM
5 EXECUTION FRAMEWORK WITH DATA AND PROGRAM FILES
6 PROTECTION".
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8 **2.23** In 2008 Xencare team also created a prototype for "digital content
9 subscriptions" to enable a user to subscribe software and digital content.

10 **2.24** On December 30, 2011, Plaintiff incorporated "Xencare Software Inc." in
11 Washington to continue Xencare business. Up through 2012, Plaintiff and his team
12 invested \$1.5 million in the form of cash and sweat equity. Plaintiff sold a few "Xencare
13 Software Inc." company stock to initial investors at \$1.5 million valuation.
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15 **2.25** During the years of 2007 through 2009, Plaintiff disclosed his start-up
16 efforts to his Citrix director. Plaintiff ran two formal demo sessions with this Citrix
17 director, one in 2008 and one in 2009 that demonstrated Xencare products including its
18 pending patent capability in the area of software security and services under
19 development in Xencare Software.
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21 **2.26** Xencare products and patents were related to anti-virus, anti-malware
22 software based on whitelisting. Xencare had two physical office locations, one in the
23 United States, and one in Dhaka Bangladesh; Xencare had approximately 10 employees.
24 In 2009 McAfee bought a startup "Solidcore Systems" for \$47 million that used to build
25 similar products Xencare was building.
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1 **2.27 Plaintiff sought some help from Citrix in the form of investment, and**
2 Citrix decided not to participate. In 2008, Citrix responded verbally, “It is not related to
3 Citrix line of business”.

4 **2.28 On March 2, 2009, Plaintiff filed a patent application titled “SAFE AND**
5 SECURE PROGRAM EXECUTION FRAMEWORK WITH GUEST APPLICATION
6 SPACE” with application number 12/396455 to cover Xencare work.

7 **2.29 On June 14, 2011, Plaintiff wrote email to three (3) vice president level**
8 people at Citrix that included:

9 “...Disclosure: I’ve personal investment in a security company[XenCare]
10 which is not in competition with Citrix and I did good amount of digging in
11 security space, I’ll use some tools and ideas from XenCare to build and
12 demonstrate the VDI security model. XenCare has few pending patents on
13 zero knowledge based protection and considering another one in virtual
14 environment.”
15 before a presentation on a model for virtual desktop using Xencare tools. Citrix did not
16 invest in Plaintiff’s proposal.

17 **2.30 In 2012, Plaintiff’s Xencare start-up team filed two more patent**
18 applications as an improvement, continuation and related to the 219 patent and ongoing
19 work to protect computer systems from virus, malware and spyware.

20 **2.31 In March of 2012, Citrix asked Plaintiff to transfer the 219 patent and**
21 three (3) related patents to Citrix. Citrix withheld Plaintiff’s severance money when
22 Plaintiff refused to transfer his start-up patent asset to Citrix. Citrix’s interference with
23 the Xencare patents blocked Plaintiff from raising funds for Xencare and resulted in

1 abandonment of all patent applications except 219 patent. Xencare business died as well
2 as a result of Citrix interference.

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4 C. Pcxen Systems and 8,782,637 Patent

5 2.32 Before joining Citrix, Plaintiff received a request from his partner to
6 build a multi-function device that can replace multiple digital endpoints used at
7 residence. Plaintiff thought it could create good business and added an item on
8 Exhibit-B of Employee Agreement with a title containing “A home communication
9 GateWay” to continue exploring that item as separate work from Citrix.
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11 2.33 During 2008 and 2009, Plaintiff and his Xencare start-up team
12 worked to combine functionality of “digital content subscriptions” and “home
13 communication GateWay” to incubate another start-up project using Xencare
14 resources in an attempt to build a device suitable for residential user to offer multiple
15 utilities with a new system called “Home Access Gateway”.
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17 2.34 By November 2009, Plaintiff and his team had a solid workable idea
18 to combine multiple residential devices into a single device to replace a modem in
19 residential homes with “Home Access Gateway” system that enabled functionality
20 of a desktop computer and DSL modem in a single device.
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22 2.35 On November 16, 2009, Plaintiff disclosed the work regarding
23 “Home Access Gateway” system idea to Martin Duursma (“Martin”), VP and CTO
24 office chair at Citrix. Plaintiff also mentioned to Martin that with some additional
25 work the proposed system could be useful for small businesses for desktop
26 scenarios. Martin told Plaintiff that “Home Access Gateway” system is not

1 something that fits with Citrix line of business. However, Martin told Khalid that the
2 device, with cheap terminals, might be interesting for small business. Citrix can fund
3 the product to form a separate company if Plaintiff can prove it would work.

4 2.36 Martin requested Khalid to make a presentation to his directors on the
5 device's usages for small businesses.
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7 2.37 On November 23, 2009, Plaintiff filed a patent application with Ser.
8 No. 61/263,411 titled "Home Access Gateway to Deliver Virtual Desktop to Home
9 User". The application covered residential usage scenario that Martin declined on
10 November 16, 2009.

11 2.38 On November 25, 2009, Plaintiff made another presentation to Martin
12 and his team on a modified system covering small business scenarios. Martin asked
13 Plaintiff to continue his development on his own time and expense and told Plaintiff
14 that Citrix can fund when prototype is proved.
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16 2.39 Hearing the possibility of a separate joint venture with Citrix,
17 Plaintiff purchased domain pcxen.com on November 30, 2009, and formed "Pcxen
18 Systems" to build a prototype for the terminal based devices using the resources of
19 Xencare with a goal to spinoff later as a joint venture company with Citrix.
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21 2.40 On January 3, 2010, to cover some progress on terminal related work,
22 Plaintiff filed patent application Ser. No. 61/291,916 titled "Thin Device to Deliver
23 Computing Power" with various setup.
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25 2.41 On January 22, 2010, Plaintiff wrote to Martin that Plaintiff had been
26 actively working on the project on Plaintiff's weekends, nights and vacation.
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1 Plaintiff wrote to Martin, "As you know for the last few weeks I'm spending my
2 weekend vacations and nights to work on this idea[thin terminal]."

3 **2.42** To make the venture interesting for Citrix, Plaintiff slowed down
4 work on residential user scenarios and Xencare security products to focus on small
5 business scenarios instead. Plaintiff modified the initial proposal with a new product
6 concept "XenDesk" with terminals to be used in small offices.
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8 **2.43** Plaintiff's start-up work was presented to at least six (6) people at
9 Citrix. Most of the people at Citrix said that because the project included terminal it
10 wouldn't fit Citrix business. However, Martin told Plaintiff Citrix could help on
11 joint venture through Citrix funding.
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13 **2.44** During presentations to Citrix, Plaintiff used Power Point slides that
14 used presentation title with www.pcxen.com with a line "Possible Citrix Company"
15 to capture Citrix joint venture theme. Those presentations made it clear that Citrix
16 didn't own the content. One slide included needed investment of \$10 million in the
17 1st round where Citrix can participate.
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19 **2.45** On April 28, 2010, Plaintiff updated Martin with progress that
20 Plaintiff had been working on the prototype; Plaintiff would need some fund to run
21 pilot deployment. Plaintiff emailed Martin "I've accumulated some limited funds for
22 now to cover ongoing expenses, I'll run out of my fund end of this year when either
23 I raise Significant amount of Money or scrap the project. Any chances Citrix might
24 help me with a \$1+ token investment[.] That would be big enough to shoot some VC
25 for 10m [\$10 million] funding". Martin wrote back, "Stay tuned on the Citrix help. I
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1 am in the process of setting up an incubation mechanism [later became Citrix
2 Startup Accelerator] that could be what you are looking for. More details will be
3 coming out in June.” Plaintiff also told Martin that some of his friends were helping
4 him.

5 **2.46** In June of 2010, through a presentation to Martin, Plaintiff told
6 Martin that Plaintiff’s start-up work would generate 10 patents, four product
7 prototypes; Plaintiff needed to raise funding to finish the Plaintiff’s start-up
8 products.

9 **2.47** Through 2010, while building on small business usages to get
10 funding from Citrix, Plaintiff also worked with his startup team to build on
11 residential usages with a hope that residential usages would be valuable in the future
12 even though Citrix didn’t like it. Plaintiff presented to Citrix that Plaintiff start-up
13 would commercialize residential usages only after small business usages was
14 commercialized.

15 **2.48** On November 22, 2010, Plaintiff filed a patent application titled
16 “System and method to support subscription based Infrastructure and software as a
17 service” with application number 12/951,081 to cover all start-up work before a
18 demo sessions with Plaintiff’s investors and friends. On July 15, 2014, USPTO
19 issued a patent 8,782,637 (“the ‘637’ Patent) on that application with claims
20 covering residential usages scenario with a modified title “Mini-cloud system for
21 enabling user subscription to cloud service in residential environment”. The
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1 modified title was proposed by USPTO. Citrix declined residential scenario in any
2 form and never showed any interest during various presentation during 2010.

3 **2.49** Citrix doesn't practice the '637' patent and the patent is not directly
4 related to any Citrix business or products. Citrix claimed royalty free license to the
5 '637' patent by claiming royalty free license to application 12/951,081 after
6 terminating Plaintiff in 2011 without offering any consideration to cover Plaintiff
7 startup R&D expense.

8 **2.50** On February 14, 2011, there was a meeting between Martin and
9 Plaintiff on the progress of Plaintiff's start-up efforts. Plaintiff presented power point
10 slides with Plaintiff's product roadmap. The 1st slide contained "www.pc xen.com"
11 to make it clear that the presentation was for start-up.
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13 **2.51** Later in February, 2011, there was another meeting with Martin and
14 joined by Bill DeForeest (Citrix Director) to discuss Plaintiff's start-up project and
15 funding from Citrix.
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17 **2.52** At the second February 2011 meeting, Marin told Plaintiff that
18 Plaintiff had done enough progress on the prototype and had proved it would work.
19 Martin asked Plaintiff to put together Plaintiff's start-up management team to take
20 the start-up to the next level. Martin also asked Plaintiff to send Martin an email to
21 state that Plaintiff's work was separate work outside Citrix. Martin requested
22 Plaintiff to keep that email as record in case Martin leaves Citrix and some dispute
23 arises in the future.
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1 **2.53** On February 18, 2011, in response to Martin's request to keep a
2 record, Plaintiff wrote an email to Martin and copied it to Plaintiff's manager at
3 Citrix. The email contained:

4 “I just wanted to formally disclose few items I'm working on outside my
5 Citrix work to pursue some funding through Citrix start-up accelerator
6 program that would fund new ideas up to 400K to create a new business.
7 I typically work at night and weekend to engage myself in those activities
8 that doesn't affect my Citrix work in any way. Here are the areas I'm
9 working on..... Thin terminal, composite devices to combine few
10 computing functionalities in consumer H/W like Modem, PC, TV etc – I
11 started this project in 2008 as an extension of my earlier project to
12 enable rental based computing like sales force. I build some demo using
13 open source projects and explored different related areas like some
14 devices developed by N-computing and pano logic. This also targets
15 many software pieces to make those devices and services practically
16 achievable. If needed I can write separate email on key items which
17 potentially might turn into IP as I progress. I showed demo and progress
18 to Bill/Martin/BradP at different times in 2009 and 2010 for possible
19 sponsorship/funding through Citrix.” with email Title “Disclosure of work
20 to participate Citrix start-up accelerator”.

21 **2.54** Martin requested Plaintiff to talk to Citrix start-up accelerator director
22 John McIntyre (herein after “John”) on term sheet for the Citrix investment. Plaintiff
23 spoke with John in February of 2011, and got the initial terms and shared those terms
24 with Plaintiff's prospective investors and gave feedback to John. John wrote to Khalid on
25 April 10, 2012 “I am anxious to hear feedback on our deal structure [specific term].”

26 **2.55** Martin verbally told Plaintiff in 2010 and in 2011 that Citrix will invest
\$400K through Citrix start-up accelerator program at seed round and can invest more in
future rounds. Martin said “Yes” when Plaintiff asked Martin if it was okay to tell his

1 investors that plaintiff was in the process of getting some funds from Citrix.

2 Subsequently, Plaintiff relayed the message to his investors and numerous email
3 communications exist.

4 **2.56** During various demo sessions at the Citrix site, Plaintiff brought in his
5 own devices and materials; Plaintiff used Citrix conference room and projectors and
6 copied demo video on Citrix internal site to share with remote Citrix Executives to ensure
7 good quality of video stream.

8 **2.57** Plaintiff had a series of meeting/discussions with Citrix executives during
9 November of 2009 through the summer of 2011 to commercialize products based on
10 Plaintiff's start-up work.

11 **2.58** In the February and June time frame of 2011, there were power point and
12 live product demo presentations to Abolfazl Sirjani (Citrix director) and Martin Duursma
13 (Citrix VP). In June 2011, online presentations, including live product demo, was
14 demonstrated to Brad Pedersen (Citrix Chief Architect) and Amitabh Sinha (Citrix VP).
15 Several meetings in 2008, 2009, and 2010 occurred; video, pictures, and documents of
16 those presentations exist where Plaintiff fully disclosed his start-up progress to secure
17 funding from Citrix; Citrix always said they would invest but never invested.
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19 **2.59** Plaintiff had two employment terms: one with Citrix, and another one as
20 CTO of Plaintiff's startup at two different shifts, at two different times. Plaintiff had an
21 offshore team that had a different time zone which were mostly in the evening. Plaintiff
22 routinely worked 40-45 hours/weeks for Citrix and another 40-50 hours every week for
23 Plaintiff's startup.
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1 Plaintiff's start-up projects. Plaintiff spent the majority of his holiday and vacation days
2 for start-up works.

3 **2.60** Citrix didn't complain about Plaintiff start-up terms during the years of
4 2007 through 2011. Citrix didn't claim those start-up works were directly related to
5 Citrix business. As a CTO of Xencare, Plaintiff signed NDA with other companies,
6 bought all the H/W and S/W; Citrix declined to be a participant in any form. Xencare
7 and Pcxen patents had multiple inventors who worked for Xencare and Pcxen, title to
8 those patents solely owned by shareholders of Plaintiff's start-ups.

9 **2.61** In November 2010, Plaintiff told one ex-Citrix employee that Citrix was
10 funding his start-up. Plaintiff told his investors and his start-up employees that Citrix
11 would fund. Plaintiff got specific terms from Citrix start-up accelerator program
12 director, later Plaintiff shared those terms with his start-up stakeholders. Martin agreed
13 to fund Plaintiff's start-up. Those create the basis of a possible future joint venture
14 between Citrix Systems and Plaintiff's start-up under specific terms negotiated over 12+
15 months.

16 **C. Citrix Terminates Khalid in Retaliation**

17 **2.62** On October 3, 2011, Citrix terminated Plaintiff in retaliation when
18 Plaintiff made some complaints about products' quality and slow project progress. Citrix
19 showed the termination as mutual promising severance pay, which Citrix never paid to
20 Plaintiff.

1 **2.63** Citrix has a written no-retaliation policy which is written in “Citrix code
2 of business conduct” document section of Citrix Employee Handbook. The document
3 along with message from Citrix CEO wrote:

4 “This Code of Business Conduct applies equally to each of us, regardless of role
5 or position, and will be enforced fairly and consistently across our company. We
6 are all responsible for complying with laws that apply to us and with Citrix
7 policies (including this Code). You can get answers to questions, seek advice or
8 raise concerns through your manager, your human resources contact, our Legal
9 Compliance Officer and our HelpLine. By reporting concerns that you may have,
10 you are doing the right thing and helping our company quickly address potential
problems. Reports will be treated as confidential and there will be no retaliation
against anyone who suspects a violation and reports it in good faith.”

11 **2.64** Plaintiff was performing well at Citrix and never had any performance
12 issue as backed by Plaintiff performance review history at Citrix. Through September
13 2011, Plaintiff achieved 100% of his performance goal set by his manager for MBO
14 bonus target for the 3rd quarter in 2011. Plaintiff’s average performance was above 90%
15 on a scale of 0-100%.

16 **2.65** Citrix retaliated when Plaintiff raised the issue of product quality concern
17 to his management in good faith after watching competitor product quality in a demo
18 session where competitor product looked better. The retaliation is in violation of Citrix
19 own code of business conduct of no retaliation policy. Also it can be presumed that Citrix
20 wanted to walk away from the joint venture and funding commitment made to Plaintiff
21 and Citrix and used the termination as a mechanism to achieve that.

22 **D. Citrix blocks Severance pay**

1 **2.66** On October 3, 2011, Citrix offered Plaintiff a Severance Agreement.
2 Citrix made that agreement effective immediately from Citrix side and terminated
3 Plaintiff per Section 1 of the agreement without showing any reason for termination
4 rather than saying mutual.

5 **2.67** It is common practice at Citrix that Citrix offer a severance package if
6 Citrix terminates the employee at no fault. The amount is based on his service years at
7 Citrix.

8 **2.68** Plaintiff's Severance Agreement included eleven (11) weeks of wage
9 equivalent to \$30,757, and a two (2) month payment equivalent to approximately \$2800
10 for health care benefits for COBRA.

11 **2.69** Plaintiff had four (4) weeks of Paid Time Off (PTO) balance. Of
12 Plaintiff's four (4) weeks of PTO balance, Citrix paid only two (2) of those weeks. Citrix
13 didn't pay two (2) weeks, which totaled approximately \$5,592. Additionally, Citrix
14 terminated Plaintiff at a time just a few weeks before his planned earned vacation. Citrix
15 action deprived Plaintiff unfairly from earned benefits Plaintiff was entitled to.

16 **2.70** Plaintiff lost this job, his wife didn't have job, and there were/are three
17 young children at home. In that dire situation, to save his family, health insurance, and
18 continue his start-up dream, and under the above duress, on October 21, 2011, Plaintiff
19 signed the Severance Agreement even though it was highly skewed towards Citrix.

20 **2.71** On October 25, 2011, Citrix blocked the severance payment on the basis
21 that Plaintiff didn't return some patent asset (that was Plaintiff start-up property) to
22 Citrix.

1 E. Citrix claims Khalid start-up patents

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3 2.72 In March and April, 2012 Citrix asked Plaintiff to sign two additional
4 agreements; a) PATENT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT – This would have
5 assigned Plaintiff's four (4) Xencare security patents to Citrix, and b) Non-Exclusive
6 License Agreement – this would have given Citrix royalty free access to four (4)
7 Pcxen Systems home cloud patents. Plaintiff refused to sign them because Citrix
8 demand was unreasonable, unfair and illegal.

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10 2.73 The Non-Exclusive License agreement listed four (4) patents
11 acknowledging Plaintiff as the rightful owner as "ATM Shafiqul Khalid is the owner of
12 U.S. Patent Application Nos. 12/951,081, 61/291,916, 61/26,411 and 61/527,583
13 ("Licensed Patent Applications")." And

14 "Khalid (on behalf of himself and his successors, and assigns) hereby grants
15 to the Citrix a perpetual, irrevocable and non-terminable, non-exclusive,
16 royalty-free, worldwide license under the Licensed Patent Applications to
17 practice the inventions in the License Patent Applications anywhere in the
18 world for any use. For the avoidance of doubt, this License Grant is intended
19 to run with any patents that issue from the License Patent Applications and
20 any assignment or partial assignment of patent rights by Khalid to any entity,
21 including a partial successor or assign takes the Licensed Patent Applications
22 and resulting patents subject to such License Grant"

23 2.74 The Patent Assignment Agreement Plaintiff refused to sign read:

24 "I, ATM Shafiqul Khalid of Redmond, Washington (hereinafter
25 "ASSIGNOR"), former employee of Citrix Systems, Inc. (hereinafter
26 "ASSIGNEE"), do hereby unconditionally and irrevocably and
absolutely assign, convey, sell, transfer, release, deliver and confirm unto
ASSIGNEE ..., patent applications and patent publications listed in
Schedule A" and Schedule A included "12/032,663 Safe and Secure

1 Program Execution Framework, 12/396,455 Safe and Secure Program
2 Execution Framework with Guest Application Space, 61/033,017 Safe and
3 Secure Program Execution Framework with Data and Program Files
4 Protection 61/033,018 Safe and Secure Program Execution Framework
with Guest Application Space."

5 2.75 Throughout 2012, Plaintiff tried to resolve the dispute with Citrix but
6 failed. In an attempt to save thirteen (13) patent applications and many more in the
7 pipeline Plaintiff created through his start-up, Plaintiff offered Citrix to temporarily
8 transfer all Plaintiff's start-up patents to Citrix with non-perpetual revocable agreement.
9 Citrix could prosecute those patents while disputes were being resolved. Citrix declined
10 that offer.

11 2.76 In 2011 and 2012, Citrix also asked Plaintiff to transfer xencare.com and
12 pcxen.com to Citrix and stop using them per Citrix Employee Agreement. Plaintiff
13 purchased those domains on the behalf of his start-up and had been building the brand for
14 years; Citrix never complained. Citrix applied for Xen trademark under network security
15 classification on February 21, 2012; this was four years after xencare.com was launched
16 and sold its product in the area of computer security. To avoid immediate dispute,
17 Plaintiff stopped selling any Xencare products and took off any Xencare advertisement.

18 2.77 By 2012, Plaintiff and his start-up filed six (6) patent applications for
19 Xencare and another seven (7) applications for Pcxen and others.

20 2.78 Due to Citrix unfair anti-competitive practice, Plaintiff was unable to raise
21 funding to prosecute and manage all those patent applications and build business around
22 it.

1 **2.79 Plaintiff and his start-up team had planned to file sixteen (16) more patent**
2 **applications with improvements and continuation work and file a similar number of**
3 **patent applications outside the USA to cover international markets. However, Plaintiff**
4 **failed to finish his work due to Citrix interference and was able to save only two (2)**
5 **patents.**

6 **2.80 In May of 2011, Citrix bought a start-up company name Kaviza,**
7 **reportedly for around \$25 million. Kaviza developed Virtual Desktop solution for small**
8 **business without terminal component. Discovery is needed to find out if Citrix killed**
9 **Plaintiff's start-up to avoid competitive threat in the future. Citrix tried to avoid the**
10 **competitive threat by applying an unlawful contract.**

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13 **F. Plaintiff's start-up investors backed out with Citrix interference**

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15 **2.81 In 2011 and 2012, after leaving Citrix, Plaintiff started a fresh round of**
16 **discussions with a few people to raise some funds to continue his start-up. Plaintiff told**
17 **his investors about his start-up patents and told them there would be at least two (2)**
18 **issued patents. Those investors wanted to invest \$500,000.**

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20 **2.82 One CEO from a Texas Software company wanted to invest and**
21 **rebrand/resell some Xencare security product through his existing company. The**
22 **combined deal was above one million USD.**

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24 **2.83 When Citrix made unfair ownership claim to Xencare patents, those**
25 **investors were nervous and eventually walked away.**

1 **2.84** Those investors also saw Citrix's claim as unfair practice because Citrix
2 never invested in Xencare and Pcxen but wanted to own Xencare patents and wanted
3 royalty free access to Pcxen patents.

4 **2.85** Citrix's action blocked Plaintiff's efforts to raise funding for his start-up
5 because investors were fearful about a potential lawsuit with Citrix. With no severance
6 money disbursement from Citrix, while not being able to raise money for start-up, and
7 with a potential legal dispute with Citrix, it was impossible for Plaintiff to continue on his
8 start-up and prosecute patent applications. As a result, many patent applications started
9 expiring beginning in the summer of 2012; Xencare and Pcxen start-up efforts died. As a
10 result Plaintiff suffered prolonged depression impacting his family and professional life.
11 Plaintiff's doctor advised/directed him to avoid stressful work during those time.
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13 **2.86** Plaintiff has been trying to resolve the issue with Citrix for the last few
14 years and asked Citrix to go through arbitration; Citrix declined.
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17 **G. Damages**

18 **2.87** The plaintiffs suffered damages proximately caused by the actions of
19 the defendant as set forth below.
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21 **III. CAUSES OF ACTION**
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23 **3.1** Plaintiff repeats and realleges the facts set forth in paragraphs 2.1-2.87 above
24 and incorporates the same by reference.
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1 **CAUSE OF ACTION 1:** Declaratory judgment; Citrix Disclosure and
2 Assignment of Invention section in Employee Agreement is unenforceable.

3 3.2 Citrix Employee Agreement contains "Disclosure and Assignment of
4 Invention" section; the section is overbroad and in violation of RCW 49.44.140(1) and
5 RCW 49.44.140(3) and hence unlawful and unenforceable.

6 3.3 Any section in the Employee Agreement that restricts the benefit of RCW
7 49.44.140 is unenforceable.
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10 **CAUSE OF ACTION 2:** Declaratory judgment; Citrix doesn't have right to
11 Plaintiff's start-up patent.

12 3.4 Citrix has no ownership right to US patent no. 8,286,219.
13 3.5 Citrix has no royalty free or other right to US patent no. 8,782,637.
14 3.6 Citrix does not have any ownership or royalty free right to any other
15 patent application filed by Plaintiff's start-up team.
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18 **CAUSE OF ACTION 3:** Citrix Caused personal injury and unlawful
19 interference to Plaintiff's start-up business.

20 3.7 Citrix continuous refusal to release severance money, and unlawful
21 interference caused enormous damage to Plaintiff's start-up company.

22 3.8 Citrix caused tort, personal injury and emotional distress through its action.
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25 **CAUSE OF ACTION 4:** Citrix Violated Washington Consumer Protection
26 ACT under RCW 19.86.

1 3.9 Citrix claimed ownership and royalty free access to patents Citrix never invested
2 in. Citrix actions were anti-competitive and unlawful in violation of Washington public
3 policy under RCW 19.86.

4 3.10 Citrix asked Plaintiff to assign patents that were owned by Plaintiff's
5 start-up company. Citrix action was unfair and restraint of commerce.

6 3.11 Plaintiff could not commercialize Plaintiff's patents because Citrix
7 interference didn't allow Plaintiff to raise funds.

8 3.12 Citrix Employee contract is in violation of RCW 49.44.140. Violation of
9 Washington public policy is unfair and also a violation of RCW 19.86.20.

10 3.13 Citrix blocked progress of Plaintiff's start-up company using unlawful
11 contracts to avoid any future competition.

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14 **CAUSE OF ACTION 5: Breach of implied Duty of Good Faith and Fair
15 Dealing**

16 3.14 Citrix had a duty of good faith and fair dealings under the Employee
17 Contract. Citrix claimed Plaintiff's start-up patent and refused to find a solution through
18 arbitration or by means that could have been affordable to Plaintiff. Citrix ignored many
19 proofs Plaintiff provided to Citrix in an attempt to resolve this dispute.

20 3.15 Citrix retaliated against Plaintiff by terminating him when Plaintiff made
21 some product complaint on good faith. This is violation of Citrix No-retaliation Policy
22 written in "Citrix Code of Business Conduct".

23 3.16 Citrix agreed to form a joint venture on Plaintiff start-up work. Under the
24 agreement Plaintiff would make initial investment in the form of time and capital, then

1 Citrix would invest \$400,000 through Citrix start-up accelerator and take equity in the joint
2 venture. Citrix didn't invest any capital, instead Citrix claimed free license to all the patents
3 Plaintiff created.

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5 **CAUSE OF ACTION 6: Wrongful Termination in Retaliation**

6 3.17 Citrix retaliated against Plaintiff by terminating him when Plaintiff made
7 some product complain on good faith. This is a violation of Citrix No-retaliation Policy
8 written in "Citrix Code of Business Conduct".

9 3.18 Citrix retaliated to break off from joint venture agreement.

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12 **CAUSE OF ACTION 7: Breach of Employee Contract.**

13 3.19 Citrix is in breach of Employee Agreement by enforcing an assignment
14 section that is unlawful in Washington State.

15 3.20 Citrix did not comply with the patent exclusion list in Exhibit-B under
16 Section 5 and 7 of Employee Agreement.

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19 **CAUSE OF ACTION 8: Tortious Interference with Contract or Business**
Expectancy.

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21 3.21 Citrix refusal to release severance money, refusal to release its patent
22 claim impacted Plaintiff's efforts to build his start-up business. Citrix knew Plaintiff was
23 working to sign some investment contracts with his investors. Citrix action constituted
24 continuous tortious interference with contract and business expectancy.

1 **CAUSE OF ACTION 9: Citrix is in Breach of Promise of Severance.**

2 3.22 Citrix has established a practice to offer severance to employees if
3 termination is not at employee fault. Citrix made a written promise to Plaintiff to offer
4 severance, but never paid.
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7 **CAUSE OF ACTION 10: Breach of Joint Venture Agreement.**

8 3.23 Multiple discussions between Citrix and Plaintiff formed a joint venture
9 on specific terms. Under the terms, Plaintiff would invest his own money and time to build
10 prototype, then Defendant would invest \$400,000 for equity. Plaintiff invested
11 approximately two (2) years of his own time and thousands of dollars. Citrix broke its
12 promise to fund the joint venture. Citrix claimed royalty free access to all patents Plaintiff
13 created. Citrix action destroyed business expectancy of the joint venture..
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16 **CAUSE OF ACTION 11: Reservation of Right to Assert Additional
17 Causes of Action**

18 3.22 Plaintiff reserves the right to petition the court for permission to assert
19 additional causes of action against the Defendant as discovery progresses.
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22 **IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

23 WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:

24 4.1 Damages for back pay, front pay, lost benefits, in an amount to be proved at
25 trial;
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V. DEMAND FOR JURY

5.1 Plaintiff hereby demands that this case be tried before a jury of twelve.

22 SIGNED and DATED this 2 day of October, 2015.

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